

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Martin E. Smith, Stuart Daley, James J. Styne and Stephen R. Dennis, declare that we are citizens of the United States and have addresses of 12451 Ridge Street, Camarillo, California, 93010, 990 Enchanted Way, Suite 106, Simi Valley, California, 93065, 2706 Canyon Creek Drive, San Ramon, California, 94583 and 1308 Fountain Springs Circle, Danville, California, 94526, respectively.

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled HOSE SPRAYER ASSEMBLY, Attorney's Docket No. HM-62020, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e), of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/210,410 filed June 8, 2000.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, Sec. 1.56(a). We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE.

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We hereby appoint Kenneth J. Hovet, Registration No. 25,988, and Arthur K. Samora, Registration No. 43,079, of Kenneth J. Hovet Law Offices, 4476 Market Street, Suite 601, Ventura, California 93003, (805) 642-2101, to whom all future correspondence should be sent, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the Letters Patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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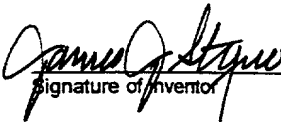
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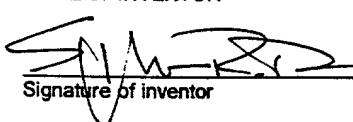
  
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